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In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

October 15, 2007.

Whereas the American Association for Cancer Research, the oldest and largest scientific cancer research organization in the United States, was founded on May 7, 1907, at the Willard Hotel in Washington, DC, by a group of physicians and scientists interested in research to further the investigation and spread new knowledge about cancer;

Whereas the American Association for Cancer Research is focused on every aspect of high-quality, innovative cancer research and is the authoritative source of information and publications about advances in the causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer;

Whereas since its founding, the American Association for Cancer Research has accelerated the growth and dissemination of new knowledge about cancer and the complexity of this disease to speed translation of new discoveries for the benefit of cancer patients, and has provided the information needed by elected officials to make informed decisions on public policy and sustained funding for cancer research;

Whereas partnerships with research scientists and the general public, survivors and patient advocates, philanthropic organizations, industry, and government have led to advanced breakthroughs, early detection tools which have

increased survival rates, and a better quality of life for cancer survivors;

Whereas our national investment in cancer research has yielded substantial returns in terms of research and advances and lives saved, with a scholarly estimate that every 1-percent decline in cancer mortality saves our national economy \$500,000,000,000;

Whereas cancer continues to be one of the most pressing public health concerns, killing one American every minute, or a dozen people worldwide every 60 seconds;

Whereas the American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting on April 14–18, 2007, was the world’s largest and most comprehensive gathering of leading cancer researchers, scientists, and clinicians engaged in all aspects of clinical investigations pertaining to human cancer as well as the scientific disciplines of cellular, molecular, and tumor biology; carcinogenesis; chemistry; developmental biology and stem cells; endocrinology, epidemiology, and biostatistics; experimental/molecular therapeutics; immunology; and radiobiology/radiation oncology; imaging; prevention and survivorship research;

Whereas, as part of their Centennial, the American Association for Cancer Research has published “Landmarks in Cancer Research” citing the events or discoveries after 1907 that have had a profound effect on advancing our knowledge of the causes, mechanisms, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of cancer; these landmarks are intended as an educational, living document, an ever-changing testament to human ingenuity and creativity in the scientific struggle to understand and eliminate the diseases collectively known as cancer;

Whereas more than 60 percent of all cancer occurs in people over the age of 65, and issues relating to the interface of aging and cancer, ranging from the most basic science questions to epidemiologic relationships to clinical and health services research issues, are of concern to society;

Whereas the American Association for Cancer Research is proactively addressing these issues paramount to our aging population through a Task Force on Cancer and Aging, special conferences, and other programs which engage the scientific community in response to this demographic imperative; and

Whereas May would be an appropriate month to recognize as National Cancer Research Month: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That—

(1) it is the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Cancer Research Month to support the American Association for Cancer Research in public education efforts to make cancer research a national and international priority so that one day the disease of cancer will be relegated to history; and

(2) the House of Representatives—

(A) congratulates the American Association for Cancer Research on its 100-year anniversary: “A Century of Leadership in Science—A Future of Cancer Prevention and Cures”;

(B) recognizes the invaluable contributions made by the American Association for Cancer Re-

search and its quest to prevent and cure cancer and save lives through cancer research; and

(C) expresses the gratitude of the people of the United States for the American Association for Cancer Research's contributions and the progress in advancing cancer research.

Attest:

Clerk.